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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH SMTF REPS: CALL TO
MCNAMARA

1. SECRETARY MET WITH TEMPELSMAN, SORENSON AND DEVLIN
DECEMBER 23 TO DISCUSS SMTF PROBLEM. HE STRESSED
IMPORTANCE OF NOT HITTING MOBUTU WITH ANY BAD NEWS ON
PROJECT BEFORE OAU SUMMIT. HE AGREED TO CALL WORLD BANK
PRESIDENT RE BANK'S CONSIDERATION OF SMTF FINANCING AND
TO CALL STANDARD OIL CHAIRMAN SWEARINGEN TO URGE POSTPONE-
MENT OF DECISION ON MOTHBALLING FOR AT LEAST A MONTH.

2. SECRETARY CALLED MCNAMARA DECEMBER 24. MCNAMARA SAID
HE UNDERSTOOD PROJECT'S IMPORTANCE AND PROMISED THAT THE
BANK WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD. KISSINGER

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